



Newsletter 7th August Week 4 Term 3 2019

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And the Winner Is Mr Duncan

St Monica's Year 3 teacher, Mr Callum Duncan, has been named the winner in the Toowoomba Catholic Schools (TCS) Excellence Awards in the Excellence in Teaching and Learning; Early Career Teacher Category.

Congratulations Mr Duncan, a well deserved winner, we are very proud to have such an amazing teacher on our staff.



Principal's Page

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we celebrated Catholic Education Week and what a fantastic week it was. From Kokoda Day, student visit from Ena City to our Mass and Catholic Touch and Netball Carnivals, it was an extremely eventful week.

Our annual visit from our Ena City students was an excellent experience for St Monica's once again. We were fortunate enough to have the girls visit the classrooms and join in with some planned activities. The girls also led our students in some origami and dance lessons. The school was then treated to a song performance from the students in the parish hall. We thank our visitors for coming to see us and we hope that you enjoyed your time in Oakey.

Wednesday was particularly noteworthy as we were able to celebrate our Catholic Education Week Mass with many of our grandparents. Our students appreciated the opportunity to show their grandparents their classrooms, engaging in many fun activities. Thank you to our families and grandparents who made the trip (many travelling great distances to come) to attend our day. It was wonderful to have you as part of our school for the morning.

On Thursday, Mr Peter Anderson and myself were presented a cheque for \$12500 from the New Hope Group as part of the New Acland Community Investment Fund. In conjunction with the Filipino Australian Community in Oakey and the St Monica's P&F, a grant proposal was put forward to fund the installation of an indoor basketball system. This grant will be used alongside a grant from the Toowoomba Regional Council to complete this project in the John Bede Polding Centre. This project will provide further sporting facilities for our students and community organisations. We thank the Toowoomba Regional Council and New Acland for these funds. It is greatly appreciated. Thanks also goes to FACO and P&F for their work on the proposal.

Please remember to take the time to complete the RADII survey. The parent survey will remain open until the 14th August. These annual surveys provide an opportunity for our families to provide the school with some feedback on areas in which we are doing well and where we can improve. All participants in the survey will have an opportunity to win a \$50 fuels voucher from BP. We have had a total of 26 respondents now. The aim is 50% of the parent group responding.

Regards

Mr Luke Barrett

Principal



NEW HOPE
GROUP



APRE

Catholic Education Week & Toowoomba Catholic Schools Excellence Awards

What a wonderful week we had last week for Catholic Education Week. This year's theme of "Many Voices. One Spirit" was certainly in action here at St Monica's. For me, the week had two main highlights.

Grandparents Day at St Monica's. I was absolutely blown away by the number of 'voices' we had join us for the day. We had grandparents travel from; Tara, Stanthorpe, Ipswich, Bundaberg and many other places. Thank you to all our parents and grandparents who joined with us for Mass, followed by our open classrooms and morning tea.



The Toowoomba Catholic Schools Excellence Awards last Thursday night. It was my great pleasure to attend the evening (with Mr Barrett, Mrs Rugge and Mrs Bruggemann) to support Mr Callum Duncan. We were so excited when Mr Duncan was named the recipient of the Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Early Career Teacher Category – a well-deserved accolade.



ICAS

Thank you to the families who returned the forms for the upcoming ICAS testing. Notes were sent home with students who expressed an interest in sitting the voluntary examinations. The new online format (including the parent payment system) is a bit of a change this year, however, all students participated in online assessments at the end of 2018 and NAPLAN this year was online, so, we are all familiar with this format.

Dance

Since the last newsletter, we welcomed an Indigenous Dancer, Ryka Satrick. Ryka has both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and shared with the children the music and dance from both cultures. He was a fantastic performer and the children really enjoyed his show. They have also enjoyed learning some Hip Hop dance from Ryka on his television show, "Move it Mob Style" (available for viewing on ABC iView and ABC TV).

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

This Thursday marks the anniversary of Mary MacKillop – a day that has become her Feast Day. Year 3 will be leading the school in a whole school liturgy at Assembly. Much of my teaching career has been at Jesuit schools throughout the Toowoomba and Rockhampton Dioceses. Several years ago, I had the opportunity to visit the Mary MacKillop Chapel and Museum in Sydney. St Mary of the Cross is buried in the chapel and you are able to pray at her graveside. As Australia's first (and only) Saint, it's important for us to celebrate her Feast Day. The example of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is one for all of us to strive to be like. "Never see a need without doing something about it."

Mrs Lisa Cavanagh

APRE

Teacher Talk

Prep

Welcome to week 4 of Term 3!

We have had a very busy start to the term. Thank you again to everybody who supported our 100 Days of School party and assembly presentation. It was a wonderful celebration of our journey in Prep.

We have started sitting at our new desks facing our new white board. We have been practising how to write and form the letters of the alphabet neatly, using the correct directionality, in the correct lines and independently sounding out words to write sentences.

In Mathematics, we have been working on place value and adding single digit numbers using concrete materials.

A reminder that sight word books, home readers and library books are due back on Thursdays. However, last week our library books and home readers did not go home as we are busy changing library systems.

Have a wonderful week. God bless,

Mrs Ayden Ah Quay

Year 1

Students in Year 1 have been developing their reading skills and many have returned their forms for the Premier's Reading Challenge. During the upcoming Book Week celebrations we will be walking to the Oakey Library for an hour of storytelling. Over the last few weeks we have been focusing on all types of nouns that tell us the who, what and where in stories.

During Mathematics students are developing their understanding of place value and modeling half of a collection. They will continue to practice skip counting and patterning. Thursday the students will engage in many problem solving opportunities when 'The World of Mathematics' visits.

Year 1's have been helping create the honeycomb for our Hanging Basket Competition entry. They have used their fine motor skills to create tiny hexagonal prisms to attach to the basket.

If you are thinking of getting an entry in for the St Monica's Science Week Competition time is running out. Judging will take place on Tuesday 13th August. All entries need to be in prior to this date.

Mrs Chris Conneely

Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy during the first few weeks back in Term 3. This term we are writing information reports and discussing the difference between a fact and an opinion. We discovered a fact is something that can be proven and an opinion is a thought or a feeling that cannot be proven. We have begun to practice writing information reports about many different animals.

In Science we are discussing, and experimenting, with mixtures. We have learnt that mixtures can be used for a variety of things, in a range of different locations at home and at school. In the coming weeks we will be doing some hands on experiments making mixtures.

Please remember to return homework folders to school every day and that library books are due to school each Thursday.

God Bless

Mrs Cheryl Anderson

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS

Every school has student protection contacts who act as a point of call for reporting, advice or information. These people are provided with training each year.

At St Monica's, the student protection contacts are:

Kaylene Bruggemann

Cheryl Anderson

Susan Rodd

The school principal is also able to provide assistance for any students or members of the school community. You will notice posters around the school making everyone aware of who the contacts are.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2019

Thurs 8th Aug	World of Maths
Mon 12th Aug	Science Week
Fri 16th Aug	Oakey Cricket Cup 2-4pm
Mon 19th Aug	Book Week
Fri 23rd Aug	Book Week Dress Up Day
Sat 24th Aug	Trivia Night
Tue 27th Aug	St Monica's Feast Day
Wed 28th Aug	Under 8's Day

September 2019

Wed 4th Sept	Indigenous Literacy Day
Thurs 12-13th Sept	Year 4 Camp—Overnight
Thurs 19th Sept	Last Day of Term 3

October 2019

Tues 8th Oct	First Day of Term 4
Mon 21st Oct	Pupil Free Day
Thurs 31st Oct	Beersheba Day

November 2019

Tues 5-8th Nov	Year 5/6 Camp
Fri 22nd Nov	Swimming Carnival

**Don't forget to order your Tuckshop
through**

Flexischools.

Orders must be in by 7.30am Monday.

**Thank You to Claire & Val Lawrence for
volunteering their time to make the
Tuckshop available to our students.**

Weekend Masses

St Monica's Parish

1st, 4th & 5th Sunday – Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

2nd Sunday – 8.00am

3rd Sunday – 8.00am Celebration of the Word & Communion

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Peranga

2nd Sunday – 10.00am

4th Sunday – 10.00am Celebration of the Word & Communion

Oakey: Saturday 6pm

Peranga: Sunday 10am

SuperLEARNers Week 2



P & F Notes

St Monica's Trivia Night

Dear St Monica's Parents, Care Givers and Wider School Community

St Monica's Primary School P&F Association and our supporters are pleased to this year be hosting another Trivia Night which is fast approaching on the 24th August. Every year we hold a major event to raise funds for our school. These funds are used to provide much needed resources for the students, including library books, upgraded technology, teaching aids, playground equipment and so much more.

We are therefore asking for everyone to get behind this event to ensure that the night can be as successful as possible. This event is not just for the school community so anyone is welcome to get a team of 8 together or if you can't fill one, don't worry as there will be others to make up a team which is a great way to meet some new people within the school

Anyone interested in helping out with planning and organisation of the night it would be greatly appreciated. Also if anyone has a business or workplace that would like to sponsor the event through our raffles, auction items or would simply be able to sponsor a particular section of the night like one of the rounds, please let the office or one of the P&F committee know.

You won't go home hungry with a delicious 3 course meal planned with an entrée of nibbles, a roast meal with vegies for main and Pavlova with ice cream for dessert. A full bar will also be running during the night for those needing a little bit of mental inspiration for the trivia.

The night is sure to be heaps of laughs with our "Aussie" theme creating the opportunity for those who wish to get into the spirit and dress up as an Australian Icon to be in the running for some great prizes. As well as the Aussie trivia there will be opportunities to win a bottle of rum with the thong throwing as well as our usual multi draw raffles and live auctions.

Ticket sales will close at the end of next week 16th August so spread the word, get a team together, think of a catchy Aussie name for your team and help get behind this event as it will ultimately benefit our little school and your children.

Thanking you in anticipation.
St Monica's P&F Committee



St Monica's Second hand Uniform shop

Everything currently \$5 each

Available Thursday and Friday by appointment only

Please contact

Tricia 0408 675 945 (prefer text)



BOOK WEEK 2019

The theme for this year's CBCA Book Week is *'Reading is my Secret Power'*.

St. Monica's will celebrate with a Book Fair to be held in the Parish Meeting Room from Monday the 19th August through to Friday the 23rd.

Times: Mon – Thurs 8.00 - 8.45am & 3.00 - 3.30pm

Friday 8.00 am – 8.45am

On the morning of Friday 23rd, we will be holding our annual Dress Up Parade, where students get to dress up as their favourite book character.

We encourage everyone to get involved.

It's amazing what our families have created in the past just using some bits of old clothing, craft items, face paint and props.

The winner from each class will receive a book voucher from the Book Fair.

The Great Book Swap

When – Wednesday 4th September 2019

Time - 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Where – Bishop John Bede Polding Hall (Sports Hall) – St Monica's School, Oakey

Did You Know?

Low literacy levels are a major issue affecting Indigenous Communities in Australia today with remote Indigenous Communities being the most disadvantaged.

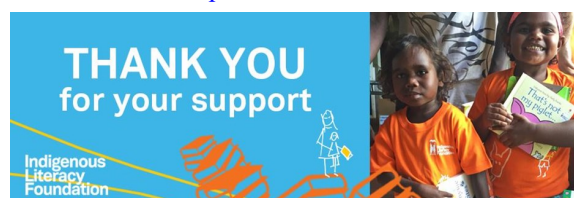
The inability to read and write is a significant barrier to education, employment, health and wellbeing.

According to the Closing the Gap Report (Feb 2019) there has been little to no improvement since 2008.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation runs three programs (Book Buzz, Book Supply and Community Literacy Projects) that provide books to improve literacy skills and to publish books written by Indigenous authors.

If you have any used books at home (in good repair) you would like to donate to our Great Book Swap, please bring them into the office at St Monica's. Students will be able to purchase books (for a gold coin donation) at our Great Book Swap Event. All monies raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to further their wonderful work in rural and remote Indigenous Communities in Australia.

Donations can also be made directly to our fundraising page via the following link - <https://go.greatbookswap.org.au/EventDetail/7011J000001Ru5h/St-Monica's-Catholic-Primary-School-Great-Book-Swap>



News around the School

Catholic Netball and Touch Carnivals

Last Thursday, our St Monica's Year 5 and 6 students joined with a number of Catholic Schools from around the Diocese to participate in the Catholic Netball and Touch Carnivals in Toowoomba. It was a great opportunity for the students to apply their touch and netball skills and they achieved some good results on the day. Well done to all of our students for their commitment to training in the lead up to the carnival, as well as their performance on the day.



Highfields and District Netball Association Year 6 Carnival

Our Year 5 and 6 team competed in the Highfields and District Netball Association Year 6 Carnival on Sunday, accompanied by Coach Mrs Kaylene Bruggemann and Manager Mrs Lyndell Gillam. The girls were great ambassadors of St Monica's as they played with great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and a never give up attitude. It was wonderful to see the girls improve significantly throughout the day and they are all to be commended on their efforts. Congratulations to all of our girls on a fabulous carnival and thank you to the parents for your support and encouragement.





2019/2020 Season Sign On

Kratzke Road Oval, Highfields

Friday 16th August

5.30pm to 7pm

Offering athletics competitions and coaching Saturday mornings for Tiny Tots to U17s

Fun Family Fitness

For more information, see our facebook page or www.highfieldslittleathletics.com

Oakey Indoor Sports Centre

Looking for Teams & individuals to join our friendly Beach Volleyball, Netball & Cricket comps.at The Oakey Indoor Sports Centre

Discount for High School Students \$7.50 and \$10.00 Adults. \$11.00 for Cricket

Phone Nick on 0435909877 or Therese on 0497270981

Under 8's
under eights week
Kids day out!
WEDNESDAY 28th AUGUST 2019
9.15am—11.15am St Monica's Catholic School
cnr Lorrimer & Campbell Street

A community event celebrating and showcasing early childhood in Oakey

All parents and children under 8 are welcome

Activities include: Little Athletics, basketball, Hockey AFL, NRL, Kingsthorpe Dental, craft, Oakey Library, Oakey Dance Studio, cricket, face painting, sausage sizzle.

Special visits from Emergency Services!

Oakey Bears
Junior Touch 2019-2020

SIGN ON / INFO DAY

We are looking for Juniors born (2004-2013) to join our club this season!

Come on over and enjoy a run around and let us show you what our club is all about!

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2019
Oakey Rugby League Oval
KENT STREET, Oakey

1.30PM - 3.00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
LUKE - 0459 203 568
or
CASEY - 0432 619 276

St Monica's Parents & Friends Association



Trivia? NIGHT?



How much do you know
about Australia?
Get a team of 8 together
to find out!!

Individual nominations welcome



Saturday 24th August • 6pm start

St Monica's John Bede Polding Hall

Tickets \$40 (3 course meal)

Lucky spot

Lucky door prize

Best Dressed Prizes (male/female, table)

Multi-draw raffles

Auction

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